

P21469.A02

1009 Rec'd PCT/PTO 7 4 DEC 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Markus OECHSLE et al.

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Serial No : 09/936,526

Examiner: Unknown

Filed : September 14, 2001



METHOD FOR OPERATING A MACHINE FOR PRODUCING
AND/OR IMPROVING MATERIAL WEB

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RECEIVED
FEB 07 2002
TC 1700

Sir :

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby directs the Examiner's attention to the following documents which were cited in an International Search Report issued on June 19, 2000, in connection with PCT/EP 00/02198 and/or cited and discussed in the instant application.

- (1) DE 39 01 378 to W. LORENZ is listed in the International Search Report;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,614,044 to Gerhard FIEDLER et al is listed in the International Search Report;
- (3) DE 32 34 598 to BRÜCKNER TROCKENTECHNIK GMBH & CO. KG is listed in the International Search Report;
- (4) GB 1 266 221 to William ADAMS et al is listed in the International Search

P21469.A02

Report;

- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,377,428 to Ralph CLARK is listed in the International

Search Report;

- (6) GB 1 247 891 to Richard HICKMAN et al is listed in the International Search

Report;

- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,715,158 to Shih-Chin CHEN is listed in the International

Search Report;

- (8) DE 35 39 354 to A. GRÜNECKERA et al is listed in the International Search

Report;

- (9) WO 99 04090 to Taisto HUHTELIN et al is listed in the International Search

Report;

- (10) U.S. Patent No. 4,204,337 to Friedrich ROOS et al is listed in the International

Search Report;

- (11) U.S. Patent No. 3,961,425 to S. SWANSON et al is listed in the International

Search Report;

- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,071,514 to Kenneth FRANCIS is listed in the International

Search Report;

- (13) DE 195 10 009 to Ulrich GERDEMANN et al is listed in the International

Search Report;

P21469.A02

(14) U.S. Patent No. 5,540,000 to John ROSENBURGH et al is listed in the International Search Report;

(15) GOERTZ: "Neue Beispiele für die Effizienz von Trockenpartieuntersuchungen" DAS PAPIER, no. 12, 1995, pages 771-775, XP000907079 is listed in the International Search Report; and is cited in the specification beginning on page 2, line 8 of the instant application;

Applicants also submit the following documents:

(16) TAPPI Proceedings 1992 Engineering Conference", p. 629-638 and 639-654 is cited in the specification beginning on page 2, line 9 of the instant application;

(17) "Pulp & Paper Canada", 98:12(1997), p 111-113 is cited in the specification beginning on page 2, line 10 of the instant application; and

(18) DE 19844927.5 is cited in the specification beginning on page 2, line 13 of the instant application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Annex to the International Search Report which lists family members of the documents listed in the Search Report. Applicants note that the Annex lists:

(19) U.S. Patent No. 3,622,448 and

(20) U.S. Patent No. 3,666,621 as family members of GB 1266221;

(21) U.S. Patent No. 3,731,520 as a family member of GB 1247891; and

P21469.A02

(22) U.S. Patent No. 5,358,606 as a family member of DE 3539354.

Additionally, Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited in a counterpart application in a German Preliminary Examination Report issued on September 13, 1999 relative to priority document 199 11 394.7, on which the above-noted national phase application is based:

(23) DE 29 26 072 C2;

(24) DE 196 53 477 A1;

(25) DE 38 30 308 A1;

(26) DE 196 54 345 A1;

(27) DE 195 42 448 A1; and

(28) DE 36 30 561 A1.

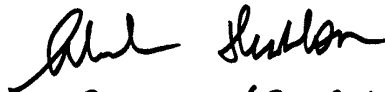
Copies of the above-noted documents are enclosed together with a copy of the International Search Report, the Annex to the International Search Report, German Preliminary Examination Reports dated June 11, 2001 (including an English language version thereof) and February 9, 1001, and a duly completed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is accordingly requested to consider each of these documents, and to make them of record in this application by initialing in the appropriate spaces on the Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner include a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 with the next communication from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

P21469.A02

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), this Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, no fees are required.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
Markus OECHSLE et al


Reg. No. 45,294

Neil F. Greenblum
Reg. No. 28,394

December 14, 2001
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1941 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191

P21469.P07

Form PTO-1449

U.S. Department of Commerce
Patent and Trademark OfficeAtty. Docket No.
P21469Serial No.
09/936,526INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BY APPLICANT
(Use several sheets if necessary)

DEC 14 2001

Applicant
Markus OECHSLE et al.Group
Unknown

PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
MW	4 6 1 4 0 4 4	09/30/86	FIEDLER et al. ✓			
	5 3 7 7 4 2 8	01/03/95	CLARK ✓			
	5 7 1 5 1 5 8	02/03/98	CHEN			
	4 2 0 4 3 3 7	05/27/80	ROOS et al.			
	3 9 6 1 4 2 5	06/08/76	SWANSON et al.			
	5 0 7 1 5 1 4	12/10/91	FRANCIS			
	5 5 4 0 0 0 0	07/30/96	ROSENBURGH et al.			
	3 6 2 2 4 4 8	11/23/71	ADAMS et al.			
	3 6 6 6 6 2 1	05/30/72	ADAMS			
	3 7 3 1 5 2 0	05/08/73	HICKMAN et al.			
↓	5 3 5 8 6 0 6	10/25/94	MAKKONEN			

RECEIVED
FEB 07 2002
TO 1700

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
MW 3 9 0 1 3 7 8	08/10/89	GERMANY			
3 2 3 4 5 9 8	03/22/84	GERMANY			
1 2 6 6 2 2 1	03/08/72	GREAT BRITAIN			
1 2 4 7 8 9 1	09/29/71	GREAT BRITAIN			
3 5 3 9 3 5 4	05/14/87	GERMANY			
9 9 / 0 4 0 9 0	01/28/99	W.I.P.O.			
1 9 5 1 0 0 0 9	09/26/96	GERMANY			
1 9 8 4 4 9 2 7	04/06/00	GERMANY			
2 9 2 6 0 7 2	01/10/80	GERMANY			
1 9 6 5 3 4 7 7	06/25/98	GERMANY			
↓ 3 8 3 0 3 0 8	04/13/89	GERMANY			

EXAMINER

M. Halpern

DATE CONSIDERED

3 6 03

*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

[illegible]